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ARLINGTON, FILLMORE CENTRAL, WAUSA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY

Three Nebraska high schools recognized as national 2012 Blue Star Schools

Nebraska students at three high schools have shown they have what it takes to manage their money.

Arlington, Fillmore Central and Wausa high school students' performance on the national Working in Support of Education's (WISE) financial literacy test earned their schools national recognition as 2012 Blue Star Schools.

Business teachers at Arlington High School, Fillmore Central High School and Wausa High School were recently notified that their schools would be recognized as Blue Star Schools on Nov. 6 in New York City at WISE's annual MoneyPower Conference for Financial Literacy.

A school must achieve a 75 percent passing rate on the test and have a majority of its students at a given grade take the test or the students who take it must earn an average score of 80 percent or higher. The award is significant considering that nationally only 157 schools were recognized as 2012 Blue Star Schools.

In recognition of their success, schools will receive a banner for their business departments and students will receive a certificate of completion for demonstrating knowledge of the personal finance tools needed to become financially capable young adults. Personal finance courses cover topics such as wise money management, personal financial planning, banking, saving and investment practices as well as credit and insurance.

In 2010, Nebraska personal finance teachers Teresa Feick of Arlington, Cindy Talley of Fillmore Central and Dawn Friedrich of Wausa participated in a Personal Finance Institute at Wayne State College and their students received free certification testing.

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